# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the agreement signed between European Union and India during his visit over there;

(b) the details of Indian products to be exported; and

(c) the details of European strategic partnership?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) A Financing Agreement for a Civil Aviation Project was signed during the first-ever India-EU Summit held in Lisbon on 28 June 2000.

(b) It has been agreed that India and the European Union will work together to promote and increase bilateral trade.India presently exports a wide range of goods and services to the EU, including gems & jewellery, textiles, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, metals and metal products, leather and agricultural and marine products. Steps will be taken to promote market access for Indian exports, including textiles and agricultural products.

(c) India and the EU have resolved to build a new strategic partnership in the 21st century founded on shared values and aspirations and characterised by enhanced and multi-faceted co-operation. An Agenda for Action, which encompasses joint initiative in the political, commercial and economic fields, has been agreed upon.